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# CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room H-769, SGW Campus, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday,  
16 February 1982

PRESENT: Dr. R. Breen, Chairman; Mr. D. Arfin; Mr. B. Counihan; Dr. E. Enos,  
Ms. G. Hirsh; Ms. A. Kerby; Mr. F. Loverso; Mr. C. Senosier; Mr.  
J.A. Sproule; Dr. R. Swedburg; Mr. D. Boisvert, Recorder.

ABSENT: Ms. D. Britton; Mr. L. Burogano; Mr. R. Javitch; Dr. M. Taylor;  
Rev. M. Terho.

## Chairman's Remarks

82.2.1 Dr. Breen had no particular remarks to make.

## Approval of the Agenda

82.2.2 Mr. Sproule MOVED and Ms. Kerby SECONDED that the agenda for Council's  
present meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

## Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 26 January 1982

82.2.3.0 Mr. Counihan suggested a correction to item 82.1.4.6 of these minutes.  
The figure quoted should be \$3,500. and not \$33,000.

82.2.3.1 Mr. Counihan MOVED and Mr. Senosier SECONDED that the minutes of the  
meeting of 26 January 1982 be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

82.2.4.0 A) Letter from Dr. R. Breen to WUSC, dated 8 February 1982  
(CCSL 82-2-D1).

This letter was for the information of Council members. Members  
agreed that it summarized quite aptly the outcome of Council's  
deliberations on the question.

82.2.4.1 B) Update on Negotiations between CUSA and the International/Cultural  
Associations.

It was noted that only one meeting has been held thus far between  
representatives from CUSA and the Associations. The Associations  
would like to obtain a commitment on long-term funding from CCSL,  
as well as constitutional guarantees from CUSA regarding their  
existence.

Dr. Breen pointed out that the University, considering its current  
situation, cannot make any financial guarantees to any group. Mr.  
Counihan suggested that CCSL could, in principle, support certain  
financial arrangements insofar as this was possible within the  
confines of the budget.

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Mr. Counihan MOVED and Mr. Arfin SECONDED that the original deadline of February 19th for an agreement be postponed until March 19th. MOTION CARRIED.

On a related point, Mr. Counihan mentioned that alternate space is being found for student associations which lost their offices as a result of the recent fire in the Bishop Street Annex. Insurance claims will also be filed for items which were lost in the fire.

Report on International Students and the "Fonds de dépannage" (CCSL 82-2-D2).

- 82.2.5.0 Dr. Breen has prepared a report for the Board of Governors on the University's response to the financial pressures faced by many international students. As soon as the report is tabled with the Board, copies will be distributed to members of CCSL.
- 82.2.5.1 Dr. Breen summarized briefly the conclusions of the report. These are as follows: 1) In the current academic year, \$135,000. in aid from the "Fonds de dépannage" has been allocated to 209 needy international students; 2) A further \$10,000., has been placed at the disposal of the Dean of Students for critical emergency cases; 3) Interest on tuition fee increases has been waived for all returning international students, retroactive to September 1981; and 4) International students applying for refugee status will only be charged Canadian fees while their application is being processed.
- 82.2.5.2 Members of Council were unanimous in their sentiments that these steps on the part of the University were very positive in helping to ease the financial burdens for international students.

Guidelines for 1982/83 Student Services Budget

- 82.2.6.0 Dr. Breen has forwarded a memorandum to the members of the Priorities and Finance Committee outlining the basic information which will be required in the preparation of the Student Services budget for 1982/83. This is as follows.
- 82.2.6.1 A preliminary budget has been drafted by the Treasurer's Office. It is based on the following data: 1) FTEs (full-time equivalent student enrolments) for 1982/83 have been fixed at 18,568; 2) The Québec Government grant per student has been estimated at \$55.72, the same as for the current year; 3) A 12.3% increase in full-time salaries for 1982/83 has been estimated; and 4) No increase in non-salary items has been accorded.
- 82.2.6.2 This preliminary budget has an estimated deficit of \$173,262. The estimated deficit has been pro-rated amongst the three Divisions, so that appropriate cuts can be made. On the revenue side, the status quo is in effect.
- 82.2.6.3 CCSL is awaiting the budget report from the Priorities and Finance Committee for its March meeting.



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CCSL Student Life Awards

- 82.2.7 Mr. Counihan MOVED and Ms. Hirsh SECONDED that the annual CCSL Student Life Awards be carried on again this year. A selection committee should be struck, consisting of the following membership: The Dean of Students as Chairman, one faculty member, two undergraduate students appointed by CUSA and one graduate student appointed by the GSA. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports from Directors

- 82.2.8.0 Mr. Sproule reported on ongoing activities in the Guidance Office, notably the organization of job search training sessions for students involved in the Co-op programme.
- 82.2.8.1 Mr. Counihan mentioned the remarkable success of this year's Health Fair on the Loyola Campus. He also reported on workshops conducted for University staff by the Coordinator of Handicap Services. As well, several staff members are involved in preparation for the annual Conference of the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services to be held at Concordia, 20-23 June.
- 82.2.8.2 Dr. Enos presented Council members with copies of written reports on athletic activities. He noted the success of the Women's Hockey Tournament and this year's Carnival Olympics. He mentioned the good usage of the Victoria School athletic facilities on the SGW Campus.

New Business

- 82.2.9.0 A) Mr. Arfin underscored the good support and cooperation which was received from the University during this year's Carnival. He noted the good participation in events on the Loyola Campus. Dr. Enos, on a question from Mr. Arfin, agreed that the Victoria School athletic facilities could be used for next year's Carnival.
- 82.2.9.1 B) Mr. Loverso noted the difference in atmosphere between the Loyola and SGW Campuses. This was reflected in activities during this year's Carnival. A real problem would seem to be the lack of appropriate student leisure/lounge space on the SGW Campus. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this problem. Following an intervention by Dr. Swedburg, Mr. Counihan suggested that the students in Recreation and Leisure be asked to do a study of this problem, with particular reference to the needs and possibilities on the SGW Campus. As well, Mr. Loverso emphasized the good spirit which exists between international/cultural Associations when these are located in the same area. The idea of an International House was once again put forth. Council agreed that discussion of these matters could be pursued at its next meeting, and thanks were extended to Mr. Loverso for bringing these important concerns to the attention of Council members.

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Next Meeting

82.2.10 The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 30 March at 4 p.m. on the Loyola Campus.